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from the president

I have just returned from the Special Libraries Association (SLA) Conference at Winnipeg which was very informative. The emphasis of the conference was the microcomputer and its applications to the special library. Software is now on the market for online cataloging, circulation control, spread sheets (budgeting), acquisitions (with review capabilities) and online catalogues which will accomodate an abstract and can be searched using boolean logic in every area, including the abstract. Several software packages were demonstrated that will run on the IBM PC with 640K and one package will run on 256K. I hope to have the vendor of this package (256K) as an exhibitor at our next conference.

Josie York (Nominating Committee Chairman) tells me that we now have two members who are running for the office of Secretary and one for Vice-President / President-Elect. Josie and her committee members have been doing a great job. Thanks.

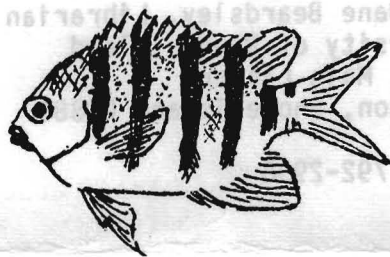
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE TENTH ANNUAL IAMS LIC CONFERENCE: Hardware problems at the press have delayed the proceedings. However, it appears that the end product will be ready around the first of July. Equipment problems created dark pages on the first run. The entire run had to be discarded and rerun. I now have several orders for the proceedings and you will find attached to this newsletter a brochure which can be reproduced and distributed to anyone inquiring about the proceedings. If any of you would like extra copies, please let me know.

Have a lovely summer.

..... Ruth Grundy



POSITION WANTED

One of our new members, Geri Bunker, is seeking a position as an information specialist. She holds a Masters in Library and Information Studies as well as a bachelors degree in the Conservation of Natural Resources, both from the University of California, Berkeley. She has acted as consultant to various scientific database management projects. Her particular strengths lie in computer-related system design and implementation. In addition, she has experience as a programmer/analyst, a bibliographer and a library assistant. This is only a small sample of her education and employment information. If you have a position available, please contact:

Geri R. Bunker
2931 Dwight Way # 26D
Berkeley, California 94720

FOR OCLC USERS

The Marine Biological Laboratory Library is a participant in the ILL subsystem although their serial holdings are not indicated on the system. Users who have a hard copy of the MBL serial holdings can place their orders with MBL via OCLC. Their three letter code is MBW.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The following have accepted nominations:

President-Elect:

Judith Brownlow - nominated by
Frances Swim

Secretary:

Eric Marshall - nominated by Sharon
Thompson

Connie Cook - nominated by Josie York

Please continue contacting members to
run for President-Elect.

MARINE LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES: WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN HELPING OUT?

Many times development agencies fund projects in marine science which contain a marine information component. Most often, the people involved in the project are not information people, but would welcome advice from a professional. IAMS LIC has many members with a variety of skills, from the development agencies themselves to professionals who direct very specific marine information services.

Is there a need for a skills data bank where agencies could find a marine information consultant to meet their project requirements? Does your institution have a computer where this data could be stored? Could a team of IAMS LIC members be valuable in helping a region set up a new marine information network? Would you be interested in teaching marine information skills to library professionals just embarking on marine development projects? Are you in a region which would like to have a workshop of this kind?

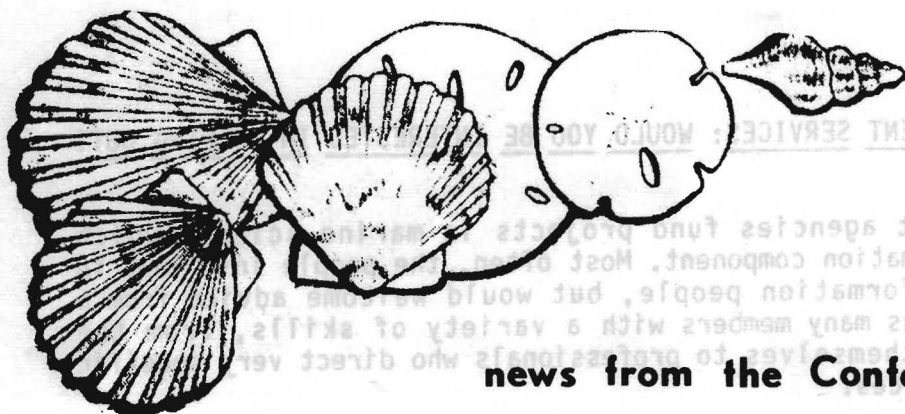
It seems to me that IAMS LIC members could provide expertise in a variety of situations. We have to create the focal point for matching need with person. Many of us use the IAMS LIC directory in this way, but that tells about our libraries, NOT about OUR skills. If you are interested in this idea, please write, but also bring your suggestions to IAMS LIC '85.

Mary Jane Beardsley

IAMS LIC '85

Mark your calendars now for the 1985 IAMS LIC Conference: Monday, October 14 through Friday, October 18 - Williamsburg and Gloucester Point, Virginia, which will begin with a reception Monday evening at the Holiday Inn 1776. Look for your complete registration package in July; it will include a tentative schedule of speakers, social events, conference registration form and hotel registration form. The registration package will go out to all members (using the membership mailing list) and to others who have expressed interest in receiving information, so if you know a non-member who would like to attend, please drop a card to IAMS LIC, VIMS Library, Gloucester Point, VA 23062 U.S.A.

When you receive your registration package, please pay close attention to the deadlines for conference registration and for hotel registration. We have reserved a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn 1776, but they will only be held until the deadline. It turns out that October is a very popular time to visit Williamsburg so all reservations need to be made as soon as possible.



news from the Conference Convenor

The IAMSLIC 1985 program has been sent to VIMS. Conference packages should be sent to you very soon. This year promises to be a very international event. People have responded to the conference theme: MARINE SCIENCE INFORMATION, AN INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY from many points-of-view.

I have been told that funding sources plan to sponsor a number of people from regions outside North American / Europe to be with us in Virginia. Because we have heard your requests for more time to talk together, this conference is one day longer than ever before. This will give us ample time to meet these IAMSLIC members who have not had the opportunity to be with us in other years. Through formal and informal sessions, we shall find out about the current state of the art in international marine information transfer, the experiences of other countries currently developing marine information centers, and a futuristic roundtable: how should we plan for the 1990's?

In addition there will be practical sessions on issues of concern to us all. One paper, Disaster Planning for Libraries, includes a disaster you wouldn't believe! There will be presentations on other management issues and some suggestions for our own personal development. We shall also be considering some sources for specialized marine information, print and nonprint, which we ordinarily do not consider when we speak of marine-related resources.

Would you like to contribute to the microcomputer demonstration session? It is not too late to have a place in this informal session. You must bring programs AND a computer to demonstrate them on, if possible. VIMS cannot supply micros, but can supply power sources. If it is impossible to bring your computer, could you arrange a poster display with printouts of your work, program documentation and your review of the hardware / software? Many of us have been burned with expensive programs that don't really do what we thought they would. Let us see what works for you.

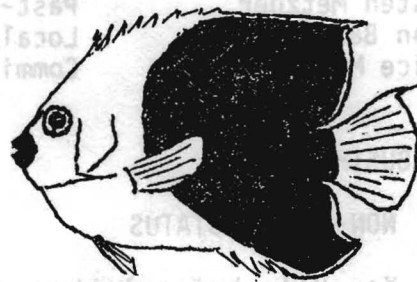
It is intimidating to be the program chairperson after all the fine IAMSLIC conferences of past years. However, I am really pleased with the prospects for IAMSLIC 1985 and I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Mary Jane Beardsley

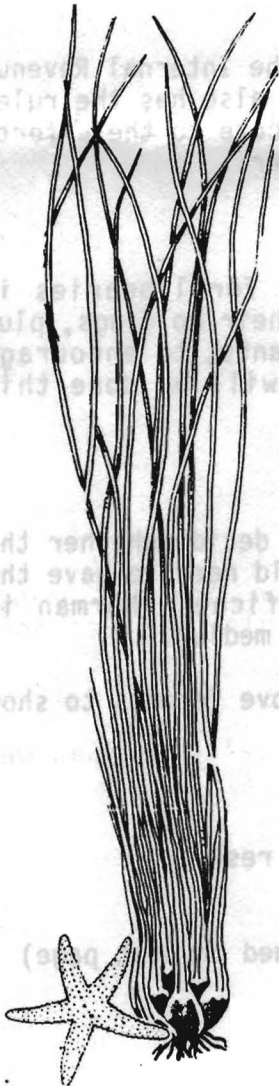
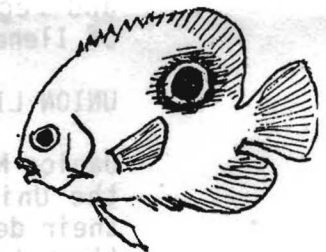
SIMPLIFIED ACCESS TO DATABASE SERVICES

Peter Brueggeman, Public Services Librarian at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, has kindly provided extensive information about products and services which provide simplified access to database services: front-end software, database services and gateway computer services. Unfortunately, his thoroughness on this project has prevented me from including it all in the newsletter. Those individuals who feel that this information would be useful should contact Peter at:

Scripps Institution of Oceanography
Library C-075C
University of California, San Diego
La Jolla, CA 92093 U.S.A.



from the
editor....



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: I am planning to send out a newsletter approximately three weeks before the 11th annual conference. This will include all the last minute conference information and any other news that I either make up or receive from the members. Generally, I give a deadline for contributors which allows an extra week to ten days for procrastinators. I cannot do that this time. The absolute deadline for the next newsletter is Monday, September 16th. I will be rushing home from a vacation in Europe on the 15th and will be in no mood to wait for anyone whose information isn't on my desk that Monday morning (the President included, Ruth).

Included in this newsletter is the latest edition of the IAMS LIC membership directory. Thanks to Betty Sutherland, our membership chairman.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD CONFERENCE CALL
Wednesday, May 15, 1985

(Reported by Judy G. Reade, IAMSLIC Secretary)

Participating:

Ruth Grundy	President
Mary Jane Beardsley	Vice-President / President-Elect
Judy Reade	Secretary
Kay Hale	Treasurer
Kristen Metzger	Past-President / Newsletter Editor
Susan Barrick and	Local Arrangements
Janice Meadows	Committee



OLD BUSINESS

1. NON-PROFIT STATUS

Kay Hale has a letter, dated November 1984, from the Internal Revenue Service. We have been granted Tax-exempt status. Kay also has the rules and regulations governing this status. She paid tribute to the efforts of Ilene Zaleski (the former treasurer) in this matter.

2. UNION LIST OF SERIALS

Janice Meadows has had poor response to her request for libraries in the Union List of Serials to check the entry of their holdings, plus their descriptive entry. She will telephone participants, to encourage them to respond. The final version of the list will be done this summer.

3. UNION LIST OF ATLASES

Norman Howden has entered all data received. We must decide whether the final version is to be (1) floppy disc - users would need to have the Superfile program to ensure compatibility (2) microfiche - Norman is looking into this or (3) print - the least desirable medium.

Norman will have a finished version in one of the above formats to show members at the fall conference.

4. DISBURSEMENT OF TRAVEL FUNDS

The recent vote on the proposed bylaw change had the result: 69 in favor, 2 opposed.

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5. IAMSLIC SOUTHEAST ASIAN CHAPTER

Nothing to report at present. We expect this topic to generate discussion at the fall conference.

6. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Two members were approached to stand for Vice-President / President-Elect. Both declined. Connie Cook and Eric Marshall have been approached regarding the Secretary's position and both have accepted the nomination. (Editor's note: See the report of the nominating committee elsewhere in this newsletter).

7. 1985 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

This is now being printed and will include paid-up members only. It will be mailed out with the July newsletter. Late memberships will not be included.

8. 1985 LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

Janice Meadows indicated that there had been a poor response to the pre-registration flyer (20 indicating definitive attendance, 22 indicating tentative interest in attending). (Editor's note: In the past, the initial response has not been indicative of actual attendance at the conference - very few bother to return the flyer).

The main reservations (for hotel, tavern, etc.) are all in place. The registration package is to be mailed in July, with registrations to be received by August 10th, late registrations by September 10th. This seems early, but we have a block booking for the hotel and there is a thirty day deadline on this.

9. 1985 PROGRAM

We will have ten papers from IAMSLIC members. Papers will reflect the international theme of the conference, particularly since we will have papers from a group of 7 - 9 persons from foreign countries who will be attending the conference under the auspices of IOC/IODE. Robert Freeman has been instrumental in arranging this. This group has asked for one day to be reserved for their presentations, though we are not sure that program constraints will allow us to arrange this.

10. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Norman Howden will conduct a membership drive this summer. If members have the names of any prospective members, these should be forwarded to Norman.

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11. 1984 PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the Tenth Annual Conference (October, 1984) will be mailed out in early July to those who attended the '84 conference. The author of each paper will also receive a copy. Details will be forwarded to various abstracting agencies and the citation has already appeared on OCLC. Five hundred copies will be printed. To those who didn't attend the conference, the cost will be \$12.50 (U.S.).

12. ISBN NUMBERS

We needed to obtain a number for the proceedings. Ruth contacted Bowker and 200 numbers have been assigned to IAMSLIC for this and future IAMSLIC publications. Ruth will prepare a style sheet for authors for upcoming publications.

13. DIRECTORY OF LIBRARIES

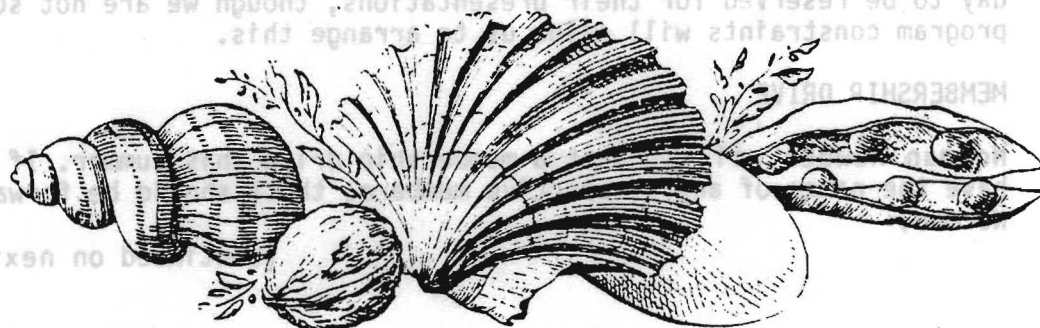
Carol Winn is ready to revise the directory and has Sea Grant funding to do so. Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution will support printing costs. If anyone's entry in the directory has to be changed, please contact Carol. Kristen moved that IAMSLIC should support 25% of the direct printing costs of the new edition (about \$1000). The motion was seconded by Mary Jane. A circular will be sent to the membership, asking that Carol be notified of any changes. It was suggested that electronic mail codes be added to the entries.

14. 1987 CONFERENCE SITE

Approval was given by the Executive Board to the choice of Halifax, Nova Scotia (CANADA) as the '87 conference venue.

15. FUTURE CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Ruth suggested that we appoint someone to the position of Editor of the Conference Proceedings, since this entails a lot a work. (This will not be an Executive position). There will be discussion on this at the conference in the fall. In the meantime, Ruth will continue to hold the position and is preparing a set of guidelines for the next editor.





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